GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENTS IN AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether instance of manipulative ways/means being adopted by the employees of Air India and its subsidiaries for seeking employment for their children in their organisation brought to/have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, organisation-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a panel to look into the appointments in Air India and its subsidiaries and make it more transparent;

(d) if so, the details thereof and other steps including penal action proposed to be taken by the Government against such officials and their children/beneficiaries in this regard;

(e) the break up of public and private sector loans on Air India and its subsidiaries; and

(f) the amount of total loss incurred by them till date and the current loss per month along with the loss of time and route that has been incurred due to mismanagement?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. One case of irregular appointment of a pilot in Air India and Air India Express had come to the notice of Air India's Vigilance Department and penal action against the delinquent officials has been taken. The services of the pilot have already been terminated.

(c) and (d): No, Madam. This is an isolated case and provisions already exist in Air India's Service Regulations to deal with such abrasions.

(e): The details of loans taken by Air India and its subsidiaries as on 31.07.2012 is as under:-

Air India	Public Sector	Private Sector
	(Rupees in crores)	
Working Capital Loan	23,400	1,530
Aircraft Financing Loan	143	22,153
Air India Express		
Working Capital Loan	2,400	Nil
Aircraft Financing Loan	Nil	2,483

(f): The provisional loss incurred by Air India during the financial year 2011-12, i.e. upto 31.3.2012 is approximately Rs.7853.94 crores and the cumulative loss suffered by Air India since 01.04.2007 and upto 31.03.2012 is approximately Rs.28,000 crores.